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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH FOR THE PORT OF COVES FOR 1955.

Section 1 - Staff.

No change.

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Table 3.

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage.	<u>Number inspected.</u>	Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.
Foreign Ports	15.	2660.	Nil.	15.
Coastwise.	235.	95359.	Nil.	235.
Total.	240.	98019.	Nil.	240.

Section III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

Table C.

Cargo Traffic } Principal imports - Coal, Shingle and Sand,
 } Petrol, Timber.
 } Principal exports - Dairy and Agricultural produce.

Principal ports from which ships arrive - Plythe, Port Talbot and Dutch Ports.

Section IV - Inland Barge Traffic.

There is considerable barge traffic between the River Medina and the Solent Ports on the mainland. About 4000 barges arrive in the River annually, of average 75 tons.

Summary of Barge Traffic.

	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Net Tonnage.</u>
Barges loading and unloading at Cowes -	1901.	134180.
" " " " " Newport-	2130.	106477.
	4031.	240657.

Section V - Water Supply. No change.

Section VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

No change.

Section VII - Smallpox.

- (1) Smallpox cases would be sent to the County Isolation Hospital at Fairlee, Isle of Wight.
- (2) Ambulance transport would be by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) The smallpox consultant available is Dr. J. Mills, County Hall, Newport. I.W.
- (4) Laboratory diagnosis for smallpox would be by the County Laboratory at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde.



Section VIII - Venereal Disease. No change.

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease on ships.

Table D.

Category.	Disease.	Number of cases during the year.	Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers.	Crew.
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X and XI.

No cases have arisen of malaria, or suspected plague, during the year.

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) All ships arriving at the Port are inspected by the Sanitary Inspector.
- (2) Rodents would be sent to the County Laboratory at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde. No cases have been sent during the year.
- (3) All ships for deratting are referred to Southampton Port Health Authority.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

No nuisances have been complained of during the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948.

There are no shell-fish beds within the jurisdiction of this Authority.

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